

# TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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July 26, 2001

Letter of Appeal  
Federal Communication Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

***In the matter of : Request for Review by Town of North Providence School Department, North Providence, RI, of Decision of Universal Service Administrator as referenced in FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45.***

The Town of North Providence School Department has successfully participated in the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program for the past three years. During that time we have met any and all applicable deadlines and provided all information specific to the process. Our request for funding for the fourth year was submitted in a timely fashion using the processing form at the prescribed web site, [sl.universal.service.org](http://sl.universal.service.org), and transmitted electronically and via certified mail. (See attached copies.)

On March 8, 2001, the North Providence School Department received notice that its FCC Form 471, *Certification of the Services Ordered and Certification Form*, did not meet minimum processing standards and was therefore rejected unless corrected and returned no later than January 18, 2001. The reason cited for correction was "The form 471 Certification submitted is not the correct, OMB-approved FCC Form with a date of September 1999 in the lower right-hand corner of the form." Please note that at the time of filing, that form was the only Form 471 at the above-mentioned web site and it did, in fact, have the date of September 1999 in the lower right-hand corner. This form had as items 28-35 a list of assurances. North Providence School Department's Systems Analyst, Mr. George Paquette, reviewed them and signed the certified mail copy attesting to the district's agreement with these statements. (See attached.)

The letter from the Universal Service Administrative Company also encouraged the North Providence School Department *...to respond to the letter as soon as you are able, by resubmitting a corrected Form 471 Certification.* Desirous to be in compliance, we contacted *Client Service Bureau*, who directed us to submit a Block 6: *Certifications and Signature Page* through certified mail. We complied with these directions on March 13, 2001. Unfortunately, since we had not received notification of this matter until March 8<sup>th</sup>, we were not able to meet the January 18<sup>th</sup> deadline indicated in the March 8<sup>th</sup> correspondence. (See attached.) On March 21, 2001, the North Providence School Department received a letter dated March 16, 2001, from the Universal Service Administrative Company notifying us that they had received our funding appeal and would be promptly responding to its contents. (See attached.)

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On July 18, 2001, the North Providence School Department received a letter from the Universal Service Administrative Company, dated July 13, 2001, **denying in full** its request for funding. The reason cited for denial was ***Application Failing Minimum Processing Standards***. Although the letter agreed that we had resubmitted Form 471 Certification on the proper OMB Approved Form, we were denied our appeal because we did not meet the January 18, 2001, deadline for application correction.

The North Providence School Department's position is that:

1. All information was submitted upon the forms available at the prescribed web site.
2. All required information was submitted within the application time line.
3. The proper OMB Approved Form 471 was not posted on the web site when the application was initially completed.
4. The Universal Service Program was late in notifying the North Providence School Department of the need for correction.
5. The North Providence School Department responded appropriately within five days to the call for correction.

Therefore, the North Providence School Department respectfully requests that any penalty caused by the Universal Service Program's belated electronic update of Form 471 and by its belated directive to respond to an already past correction deadline not impede the success of its Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program's Fourth Year applications and that these applications be accorded the consideration that they merit.

Cordially,



Wayne E. Riendeau  
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

cc: *Senator Jack Reed*  
*Representative Patrick Kennedy*

**Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program  
Services Ordered and Certification Form 471  
Application Display**

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**Block 1: Billed Entity Information**

Applicant's Form Identifier: nprinet2002

471 Application Number: 230703 Funding Year: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2002 Billed Entity Number: 120846

**Name:** NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DIST  
**Address:** 9 GEORGE ST  
**City:** N PROVIDENCE **State:** RI **Zip:** 02911 1712  
**Phone:** 401-233-1100 **Ext:** 130  
**Fax:** 401-233-1106  
**E-mail:** ride5283@ride.ri.net

**Contact Name:** George Paquette  
**Address:** 9 GEORGE ST  
**City:** N PROVIDENCE **State:** RI **Zip:** 02911 1712  
**Contact Phone:** 401-233-1100 **Ext:** 130  
**Contact Fax:** 401-233-1106 **Ext:**  
**E-mail:** ride5283@ride.ri.net  
**Contact Mode:** EMAIL  
**Alternate Contact Info.:** George Paquette 401-233-1100 ext 130 ride5283@ride.ri.net

Type of Application: SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ineligible Orgs: N

**Block 3: Impact of Services Ordered in THIS Application**

Number of students to be served: 3296

Number of library patrons to be served:

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	BEFORE ORDER	AFTER ORDER
f. Direct connections to the Internet: How many before and after your order?	10	10
g. Direct connections to the Internet: Highest speed before and after your order?	384 kb	384 kb
h. Internet access(for schools): How many rooms have Internet access before and after your order?	153	153
i. Internet Access: How many computers (or other devices) with Internet access before and after your order?	411	411

**Block 4: Worksheets**

Worksheet A No: 249687      Student Count: 3296  
 Weighted Product (Sum. Column 8): 1524.8      Shared Discount: 46%

1. School Name: BIRCHWOOD SCHOOL  
 2. Entity Number: 3027    3. Rural/Urban: Urban  
 4. Student Count: 294    5. NSLP Students: 50    6. NSLP Students/Students: 17.006%  
 7. Discount: 40%    8. Weighted Product: 117.6

1. School Name: CENTREDALE SCHOOL  
 2. Entity Number: 3120    3. Rural/Urban: Urban  
 4. Student Count: 219    5. NSLP Students: 67    6. NSLP Students/Students: 30.593%  
 7. Discount: 50%    8. Weighted Product: 109.5

1. School Name: GREYSTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
 2. Entity Number: 3119    3. Rural/Urban: Urban  
 4. Student Count: 301    5. NSLP Students: 62    6. NSLP Students/Students: 20.598%  
 7. Discount: 50%    8. Weighted Product: 150.5

1. School Name: MARIEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
 2. Entity Number: 3037    3. Rural/Urban: Urban  
 4. Student Count: 263    5. NSLP Students: 113    6. NSLP Students/Students: 42.965%  
 7. Discount: 60%    8. Weighted Product: 157.8

1. School Name: MCGUIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
 2. Entity Number: 3123    3. Rural/Urban: Urban  
 4. Student Count: 277    5. NSLP Students: 53    6. NSLP Students/Students: 19.133%  
 7. Discount: 40%    8. Weighted Product: 110.8

1. School Name: NORTH PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL  
 2. Entity Number: 3028    3. Rural/Urban: Urban  
 4. Student Count: 924    5. NSLP Students: 74    6. NSLP Students/Students: 8.008%  
 7. Discount: 40%    8. Weighted Product: 369.6

1. School Name: OLNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
 2. Entity Number: 3038    3. Rural/Urban: Urban  
 4. Student Count: 294    5. NSLP Students: 89    6. NSLP Students/Students: 30.272%  
 7. Discount: 50%    8. Weighted Product: 147

1. School Name: RICCI SCHOOL  
 2. Entity Number: 3121    3. Rural/Urban: Urban  
 4. Student Count: 461    5. NSLP Students: 103    6. NSLP Students/Students: 22.342%  
 7. Discount: 50%    8. Weighted Product: 230.5

1. School Name: WHELAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
 2. Entity Number: 3039    3. Rural/Urban: Urban  
 4. Student Count: 263    5. NSLP Students: 57    6. NSLP Students/Students: 21.673%  
 7. Discount: 50%    8. Weighted Product: 131.5

#### Block 5: Discount Funding Request(s)

<b>FRN: 538173</b>	
<b>11. Category of Service:</b> Telecommunications Service	<b>12. 470 Application Number:</b> 173590000315325
<b>13. SPIN:</b> 143005312	<b>14. Service Provider Name:</b> Rhode Island Network for Educational Technology, Inc.
<b>15. Contract Number:</b> n/a	<b>16. Billing Account Number:</b>
<b>17. Allowable Contract Date:</b> 12/26/2000	<b>18. Contract Award Date:</b> 01/02/2001
<b>19a. Service Start Date:</b> 07/01/2001	<b>19b. Service End Date:</b>

<b>20. Contract Expiration Date:</b> 06/30/2002	
<b>21. Attachment #:</b> 1	<b>22. Block 4 Worksheet No.:</b> 249687
<b>23a. Monthly Charges:</b> \$958.00	<b>23b. Ineligible monthly amt.:</b> \$.00
<b>23c. Eligible monthly amt.:</b> \$958.00	<b>23d. Number of months of service:</b> 12
<b>23e. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible recurring charges ( 23c x 23d):</b> \$11,496.00	
<b>23f. Annual non-recurring (one-time) charges:</b> \$.00	<b>23g. Ineligible non-recurring amt.:</b> \$.00
<b>23h. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible non-recurring charges ( 23f - 23g):</b> \$0.00	
<b>23i. Total program year pre-discount amount ( 23e + 23h):</b> \$11,496.00	
<b>23j. % discount (from Block 4):</b> 46	
<b>23k. Funding Commitment Request ( 23i x 23j):</b> \$5,288.16	

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**Block 6: Certifications and Signature**

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24a. Schools: Y  
 24b. Libraries or Library Consortia: N  
  
 26a. Individual Technology Plan: N  
 26b. Higher-Level Technology Plan(s): Y  
 26c. No Technology Plan Needed:  
  
 27a. Approved Technology Plan(s): Y  
 27b. State Approved Technology Plan: N  
 27c. No Technology Plan Needed:  
  
 36. Printed Name of Authorized Person: George Paquette  
 37. Title or Position of Authorized Person: Systems Analyst  
 38. Telephone Number of Authorized Person: (401) 233-1100 ext.130

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# Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program

## Services Ordered and Certification Form 471

### Application Display

#### Block 1: Billed Entity Information

**Applicant's Form Identifier:** np4712001a

**471 Application Number:** 227102 **Funding Year:** 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2002 **Billed Entity Number:** 120846

**Name:** NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DIST  
**Address:** 9 GEORGE ST  
**City:** N PROVIDENCE **State:** RI **Zip:** 02911 1712  
**Phone:** 401-233-1100 **Ext:** 130  
**Fax:** 401-233-1106  
**E-mail:** ride5283@ride.ri.net

**Contact Name:** George Paquette  
**Address:** 9 GEORGE ST  
**City:** N PROVIDENCE **State:** RI **Zip:** 02911 1712  
**Contact Phone:** 401-233-1100 **Ext:** 130  
**Contact Fax:** 401-233-1106 **Ext:**  
**E-mail:** ride5283@ride.ri.net  
**Contact Mode:** PHONE  
**Alternate Contact Info.:**

**Type of Application:** SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Ineligible Orgs:** N

#### Block 3: Impact of Services Ordered in THIS Application

**Number of students to be served:** 3652

**Number of library patrons to be served:**

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	BEFORE ORDER	AFTER ORDER
a. (Schools/districts/consortia only) Telephone service: How many classrooms had phone service before and after your order?	44	44

#### Block 4: Worksheets

**Worksheet A No:** 245609

**Student Count:** 3652

**Weighted Product (Sum. Column 8):** 1663.9

**Shared Discount:** 46%

**1. School Name:** BIRCHWOOD SCHOOL

**2. Entity Number:** 3027 **3. Rural/Urban:** Urban

**4. Student Count:** 341 **5. NSLP Students:** 94 **6. NSLP Students/Students:** 27.565%

**7. Discount:** 50% **8. Weighted Product:** 170.5

**1. School Name:** CENTREDALE SCHOOL

**2. Entity Number:** 3120 **3. Rural/Urban:** Urban

4. Student Count: 261 5. NSLP Students: 64 6. NSLP Students/Students: 24.521%  
7. Discount: 50% 8. Weighted Product: 130.5

1. School Name: GREYSTONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2. Entity Number: 3119 3. Rural/Urban: Urban

4. Student Count: 329 5. NSLP Students: 44 6. NSLP Students/Students: 13.373%

7. Discount: 40% 8. Weighted Product: 131.6

1. School Name: MARIEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2. Entity Number: 3037 3. Rural/Urban: Urban

4. Student Count: 318 5. NSLP Students: 70 6. NSLP Students/Students: 22.012%

7. Discount: 50% 8. Weighted Product: 159

1. School Name: MCGUIRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2. Entity Number: 3123 3. Rural/Urban: Urban

4. Student Count: 268 5. NSLP Students: 44 6. NSLP Students/Students: 16.417%

7. Discount: 40% 8. Weighted Product: 107.2

1. School Name: NORTH PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

2. Entity Number: 3028 3. Rural/Urban: Urban

4. Student Count: 1024 5. NSLP Students: 73 6. NSLP Students/Students: 7.128%

7. Discount: 40% 8. Weighted Product: 409.6

1. School Name: OLNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2. Entity Number: 3038 3. Rural/Urban: Urban

4. Student Count: 325 5. NSLP Students: 73 6. NSLP Students/Students: 22.461%

7. Discount: 50% 8. Weighted Product: 162.5

1. School Name: RICCI SCHOOL

2. Entity Number: 3121 3. Rural/Urban: Urban

4. Student Count: 503 5. NSLP Students: 111 6. NSLP Students/Students: 22.067%

7. Discount: 50% 8. Weighted Product: 251.5

1. School Name: WHELAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2. Entity Number: 3039 3. Rural/Urban: Urban

4. Student Count: 283 5. NSLP Students: 71 6. NSLP Students/Students: 25.088%

7. Discount: 50% 8. Weighted Product: 141.5

### Block 5: Discount Funding Request(s)

<b>FRN: 529092</b>	
<b>11. Category of Service:</b> Telecommunications Service	<b>12. 470 Application Number:</b> 162200000307846
<b>13. SPIN:</b> 143002682	<b>14. Service Provider Name:</b> New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. - Rhode Island
<b>15. Contract Number:</b> T	<b>16. Billing Account Number:</b> 4012331100
<b>17. Allowable Contract Date:</b> 12/15/2000	<b>18. Contract Award Date:</b>
<b>19a. Service Start Date:</b> 07/01/2001	<b>19b. Service End Date:</b> 06/30/2002
<b>20. Contract Expiration Date:</b>	
<b>21. Attachment #:</b> 1	<b>22. Block 4 Worksheet No.:</b> 245609
<b>23a. Monthly Charges:</b> \$4,820.65	<b>23b. Ineligible monthly amt.:</b> \$.00
<b>23c. Eligible monthly amt.:</b> \$4,820.65	<b>23d. Number of months of service:</b> 12
<b>23e. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible recurring charges ( 23c x 23d):</b> \$57,847.80	
<b>23f. Annual non-recurring (one-time) charges:</b> \$0.00	<b>23g. Ineligible non-recurring amt.:</b> \$.00
<b>23h. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible non-recurring charges ( 23f - 23g):</b> \$0.00	

<b>23l. Total program year pre-discount amount ( 23e + 23h):</b> \$57,847.80
<b>23j. % discount (from Block 4):</b> 46
<b>23k. Funding Commitment Request ( 23i x 23j):</b> \$26,609.99

<b>FRN: 529102</b>	
<b>11. Category of Service:</b> Telecommunications Service	<b>12. 470 Application Number:</b> 162200000307846
<b>13. SPIN:</b> 143004191	<b>14. Service Provider Name:</b> CTC Communications Corp.
<b>15. Contract Number:</b> T	<b>16. Billing Account Number:</b> 0222048
<b>17. Allowable Contract Date:</b> 12/15/2000	<b>18. Contract Award Date:</b>
<b>19a. Service Start Date:</b> 07/01/2001	<b>19b. Service End Date:</b> 06/30/2002
<b>20. Contract Expiration Date:</b>	
<b>21. Attachment #:</b> 1	<b>22. Block 4 Worksheet No.:</b> 245609
<b>23a. Monthly Charges:</b> \$269.53	<b>23b. Ineligible monthly amt.:</b> \$.00
<b>23c. Eligible monthly amt.:</b> \$269.53	<b>23d. Number of months of service:</b> 12
<b>23e. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible recurring charges ( 23c x 23d):</b> \$3,234.36	
<b>23f. Annual non-recurring (one-time) charges:</b> \$.00	<b>23g. Ineligible non-recurring amt.:</b> \$.00
<b>23h. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible non-recurring charges ( 23f - 23g):</b> \$0.00	
<b>23i. Total program year pre-discount amount ( 23e + 23h):</b> \$3,234.36	
<b>23j. % discount (from Block 4):</b> 46	
<b>23k. Funding Commitment Request ( 23i x 23j):</b> \$1,487.81	

### Block 6: Certifications and Signature

**24a. Schools:** Y  
**24b. Libraries or Library Consortia:** N  
  
**26a. Individual Technology Plan:** N  
**26b. Higher-Level Technology Plan(s):** N  
**26c. No Technology Plan Needed:** Y  
  
**27a. Approved Technology Plan(s):** N  
**27b. State Approved Technology Plan:** N  
**27c. No Technology Plan Needed:** Y  
  
**36. Printed Name of Authorized Person:** George Paquette  
**37. Title or Position of Authorized Person:** systems analyst  
**38. Telephone Number of Authorized Person:** (401) 233-1100 ext.130



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## Application Display

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Block 4

Block 5

471 Application No: 230703

Funding Year: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2002

Appl. Postmark Date: 01

## Block 6: Certifications and Signature

24a. Schools: Y

24b. Libraries or Library Consortia: N

26a. Individual Technology Plan: N

26b. Higher-Level Technology Plan(s): Y

26c. No Technology Plan Needed:

27a. Approved Technology Plan(s): Y

27b. State Approved Technology Plan: N

27c. No Technology Plan Needed:

36. Printed Name of Authorized Person: George Paquette

37. Title or Position of Authorized Person: Systems Analyst

38. Telephone Number of Authorized Person: (401) 233-1100 ext.130



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Block 6

APPEND

**Universal Service Administrative Company**  
Schools & Libraries Division

**FORM 471 CERTIFICATION-REJECTION LETTER**  
**FUNDING YEAR 4**

March 6, 2001

**Applicant Form Identifier: nprinet2002**  
**Funding Year: 4**

George Paquette  
NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DIST  
9 GEORGE ST  
N PROVIDENCE, RI 02911-1712

Dear Applicant:

This letter is your notification that the entire FCC Form 471 Certification of the *Services Ordered and Certification Form*, you submitted did not meet Minimum Processing Standards and so your Form 471 application cannot be processed. Act now to resubmit!

*Your Form 471 Certification is enclosed with this letter, which means that the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) could not process any portion of it. To be considered for E-rate discounts, your certification must be corrected and resubmitted with the Item 21 Attachments with a postmark date no later than January 18, 2001. The newly submitted Block 6 Form must also meet Minimum Processing Standards.*

Here is an explanation of the specific reason(s) your Form 471 Certification did not meet the Minimum Processing Standards:

- **The Form 471 Certification submitted is not the correct, OMB-approved FCC Form 471 with a date of September 1999 in the lower right-hand corner of the form.**

We encourage you to respond to this letter as soon as you are able, by resubmitting a corrected Form 471 Certification. We also encourage you to visit the SLD Web Site if you have Internet access, at [www.sl.universalservice.org](http://www.sl.universalservice.org). The Web Site provides Minimum Processing Standards, forms, and guidance to complete your Form 471 Certification. Additional assistance is available by calling the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100 and by e-mail at [question@universalservice.org](mailto:question@universalservice.org). Client Service Representatives are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

If you disagree with this decision and you wish to appeal to the SLD, your appeal must be made in writing and received by us within 30 days of issuance of this letter. In your letter of appeal, please include: correct contact information for the appellant, information on the decision you are appealing, the specific item in question, a copy of this letter and an original authorized signature. Appeals sent by fax, e-mail or phone call cannot be processed. Please mail your appeal to: Letter of Appeal, Schools and Libraries Division, Box 125-Correspondence Unit, 80 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. You may also call our Client Service Bureau at 888-203-8100. While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), by sending your notice of appeal to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW; 12<sup>th</sup> Street Lobby, SW; Washington, D.C. 20554

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March 13, 2001

Letter of Explanation  
Schools and Libraries Division  
Box 125 - Correspondence Unit  
80 South Jefferson Road  
Whippany, NJ 07981

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

On March 8, 2001, the North Providence School Department received notice that its FCC Form 471, *Certification of the Services Ordered and Certification Form*, did not meet minimum processing standards and was therefore rejected unless corrected and returned no later than January 18, 2001. The reason cited for correction was "The form 471 Certification submitted is not the correct, OMB-approved FCC Form with a date of September 1999 in the lower right-hand corner of the form."

In an effort to meet application requirements in a timely and efficient manner, the North Providence School Department filed our Form 471 on the Internet in January, 2001. At that time, the available form was completed as prescribed. It was after this date that the Form 471 changed, a fact that came to our attention with the receipt of the March 6<sup>th</sup> letter. Desirous to be in compliance, we have contacted your *Client Service Bureau*, who directed us to submit a Block 6: *Certifications and Signature Page* through certified mail. We have complied with these directions. Unfortunately, since we did not receive notification of this matter until March 6<sup>th</sup>, we are not able to meet the January 18, 2001, deadline indicated in your correspondence.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the January 18, 2001, deadline be waived and that our grant application be accorded the same consideration offered to those submitted in the prescribed format. If you do not have the authority to honor such a request, I ask that you provide me with the name of the person or organization who has such authority.

Cordially,



Wayne E. Riendeau  
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

cc: Ms. Smith, Universal Service Administrative Company, School and Libraries Division

36. Printed name of authorized person  
 37. Title or position of authorized person  
 38. Telephone number of authorized person

George Paquette

systems analyst

( 401 ) 233 - 1100 130

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001.

The Americans with Disabilities Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Rehabilitation Act may impose obligations on entities to make the services purchased with these discounts accessible to and usable by people with disabilities.

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*George Paquette*

Is your RETURN ADDRESS completed on the reverse side?

**SENDER:**

- Complete items 1 and/or 2 for additional services.
- Complete items 3, 4a, and 4b.
- Print your name and address on the reverse of this form so that we can return this card to you.
- Attach this form to the front of the mailpiece, or on the back if space does not permit.
- Write "Return Receipt Requested" on the mailpiece below the article number.
- The Return Receipt will show to whom the article was delivered and the date delivered.

I also wish to receive the following services (for an extra fee):

1. ☒ Addressee's Address
2. ☐ Restricted Delivery

**3. Article Addressed to:**

SLD-Form 471  
 C/O Ms. Smith  
 3833 Greenway Drive  
 Lawrence, KS 66046

**4a. Article Number**

70993220000962866542

**4b. Service Type**

- ☐ Registered ☒ Certified  
☐ Express Mail ☐ Insured  
☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise ☐ COD

**7. Date of Delivery**

**5. Received By: (Print Name)**

**8. Addressee's Address (Only if requested and fee is paid)**

**6. Signature: (Addressee or Agent)**

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PS Form 3811, December 1994

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

• Print your name, address, and ZIP Code in this box •

NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
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 11 GEORGE STREET  
 NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI 02911  
 ATTENTION: WAYNE RIENDEAU



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Entity Number 120846 Applicant's Form Identifier UPPINet 202  
Contact Person George Paguette Phone Number 401-233-1100 ext 130

## Block 6: Certifications and Signature

- 24 The entities listed in Block 4 of this application are eligible for support because they are: (Check one or both.)
- a ☒ schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 8801(14) and (25), that do not operate as for-profit businesses and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million; and/or
  - b ☐ libraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as for-profit businesses and whose budgets are completely separate from any schools, including, but not limited to, elementary and secondary schools, colleges, or universities.
- 25 The eligible schools and libraries listed in Block 4 of this application have secured access to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, maintenance, and electrical connections necessary to make effective use of the services purchased as well as to pay the discounted charges for eligible services.
- 26 All of the schools and libraries or library consortia listed in Block 4 of this application are covered by:
- a ☐ an individual technology plan for using the services requested in this application; and/or
  - b ☒ higher-level technology plan(s) for using the services requested in this application; or
  - c ☐ no technology plan needed; applying for basic local and long distance telephone service only.
- 27 Status of technology plans (if representing multiple entities with mixed technology plan status, check both a and b):
- a ☒ technology plan(s) has/have been approved; and/or
  - b ☐ technology plan(s) will be approved by a state or other authorized body; or
  - c ☐ no technology plan needed; applying for basic local and long distance telephone service only.
- 28 I certify that the entities eligible for support that I am representing have complied with all applicable state and local laws regarding procurement of services for which support is being sought.
- 29 I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.
- 30 I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has complied with all program rules and I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments.
- 31 I understand that the discount level used for shared services is conditional, for future years, upon ensuring that the most disadvantaged schools and libraries that are treated as sharing in the service, receive an appropriate share of benefits from those services.
- 32 I recognize that I may be audited pursuant to this application. I will retain for five years any and all worksheets and other records that I rely upon to fill out this application, and, if audited, will make available to the Administrator such records.
- 33 I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the above-named entities, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

34 Signature of authorized person George Paguette 35 Date 3/12/01

36 Printed name of authorized person George Paguette

37 Title or position of authorized person Systems analyst

38 Telephone number of authorized person: (401) 233-1100 ext. 130

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001.

The Americans with Disabilities Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Rehabilitation Act may impose obligations on entities to make the services purchased with these discounts accessible to and usable by people with disabilities.



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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION

March 16, 2001

Wayne E. Riendeau, Assistant Superintendent  
Town of North Providence School District  
9 George Street  
North Providence, RI 02911

Wayne E. Riendeau:

The Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company has received your correspondence regarding the 2000-2001 funding decision on your application. Here are the steps that will now follow:

1. We will review your correspondence carefully to identify the specific issue(s) it raises.
2. We will consult the program integrity assurance records and all supporting documentation for the application. Our goal is to determine whether the program rules were administered appropriately in processing your application.
3. Once the review process is completed we will respond in writing and state whether your appeal is approved, denied or approved in part. We will then follow with a funding commitment decision letter for any approved appeal resulting in additional discounts for your application. Funds have been set aside to implement funding decisions for appeals approved by the SLD and/or the Federal Communications Commission.

We have begun in-depth review of the appeals we have received, and our goal is to respond to you as promptly as possible. We thank you in advance for your patience as we handle your case with the care and attention it deserves.

Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company



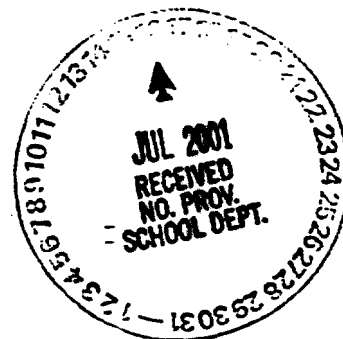


Universal Service Administrative Company  
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2001-2002

July 13, 2001

Wayne E. Riendeau  
Town of North Providence School Department  
9 George Street  
North Providence, RI 02911



Re: Billed Entity Number: 120846  
Application Number: 230703  
Funding Request Number(s): Application Failing Minimum Processing Standards  
Your Correspondence Dated: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2001

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Year Four Funding Commitment Decision for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 30-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). If your letter of appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that for each application for which an appeal is submitted, a separate letter is sent.

**Funding Request Number:** Application Failing Minimum Processing Standards  
**Decision on Appeal:** **Denied in full**  
**Explanation:**

- Your appeal claims that the Form 471 Certification that you used was the only one available when you submitted your Form 471 Certification. You have resubmitted the Form 471 Certification on the proper OMB Approved Form, and would like the SLD to reconsider their decision to deny funding for your application.
- Program rules require that the Funding Year Four Form 471 Certification is submitted on an OMB Approved Form with the date of October 2000 in the lower right hand corner. The Form 471 you originally submitted did not contain this date, and was therefore not the correct Form to use. The Form 471 Certification you submitted was a page print of Block 6, and did not contain all of the information that is included on the complete Block 6. Please note that the Block 6 you submitted did not include Item 28-35, and is therefore incomplete. Accordingly, the application was returned to you for

failing to meet the program's minimum processing standards. The corrected submission submitted with your appeal was not postmarked prior to January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2001, and is therefore outside the original Funding Window. Consequently, your application will be not be considered for funding, and your appeal is denied in full.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. Before preparing and submitting your appeal, please be sure to review the FCC rules concerning the filing of an appeal of an Administrator's Decision, which are posted on the website at <[www.universalservice.org](http://www.universalservice.org)>. **You must file your appeal with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date on this letter for your appeal to be filed in a timely fashion.**

We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company